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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: 09/557,040) Examiner: Jeffrey Smith
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For: INTERNET BASED COMPUTER)
SYSTEM COMPONENT)
EXCHANGE)
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-32 remain pending in the application.

In numbered paragraphs 3-7 on pages 1-2 of the Office Action, claims 1-10, 12-25 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,029,146 (Hawkins et al) in view of a document entitled "Should Publishers Consider Retail Revenue Sharing With Online Networks?" (the Multimedia document) and WO 00/75828 (Stolzoff et al). This rejection is respectfully traversed, because the documents relied upon by the Examiner fail to overcome the deficiencies already acknowledged by the Examiner in the Interview Summary Sheet dated December 10, 2003.

In the Interview Summary Sheet, the Examiner acknowledges that "the features of ownership and shares of the exchange server complex as claimed in